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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on

(11-05 to 12-02) (ca - papers # 25-28)

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 3-7, 9-14, 16-20, 22-27, 31 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☒ Claim(s) 3-7, 9-14, 16-20, 22-27, 31 is/are allowed.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the:

☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment(s)

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 27-28 ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Claims 3-7, 9-14, 16-20, 22-27, and 31 are allowed.

16. The examiner only initialed 2 of the 5 IDS sheets submitted by the applicant for review by the examiner for the following reasons. The Wolf et. al. and Sze journal references which were listed on one of the IDS sheets which were submitted by the applicant were not submitted by the applicant. On another IDS sheet which was submitted by the applicant, the applicant incorrectly lists Japanese application numbers in the wrong format. Applicant should list these references using the Japanese patent publication numbers in the foreign patent section of an examiner's IDS statement. On another IDS sheet, the related copending applications which were listed by the applicant should have been listed under the non-patent documents section of an examiner's IDS statement in those instances where the applications have not issued. In those other instances where the applications have issued, those references should be listed in the US patent documents section of an examiner's IDS statement.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner George A. Goudreau whose telephone number is (703) -308-1915. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Examiner Gregory Mills, can be reached on (703) -308-1633. The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) -306-3186.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) -308-0661.



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